

“Two people are better than one, for they can help each other succeed. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble.”  
– Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

## NO ONE NEEDS TO STRUGGLE ALONE

We recently met with “Sara.” Abuse, bitterness, broken relationships, and self-condemnation have left “Sara” anxious, depressed, hopeless about the future, and alone.

Your financial gift to ATLAS will provide men and women like “Sara” with a mentor who can reach out and help them. A mentor who will love them, be there for them, and help them grow in their relationship with Jesus through their struggles.

**WILL YOU HELP US CONNECT HURTING PEOPLE WITH A CHRIST-CENTERED MENTOR TODAY?**

## YES, I WILL HELP CONNECT A HURTING PERSON WITH A MENTOR!

Your financial support for ATLAS ensures that hurting people won't have to walk through their struggles alone. You can donate to ATLAS in one of three easy ways:



### MAIL

Mail your donations to:  
**ATLAS**  
**PO BOX 1511**  
**Willmar, MN 56201**



### ONLINE

Visit [atlaswcmn.org/give](https://atlaswcmn.org/give) to donate safely and securely online. Make a one-time donation or set up an automatic recurring donation online.



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Request an automatic **monthly withdrawal authorization form** to donate monthly directly from your bank account.

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Saturday, August 17  
Robbins Island Park  
Willmar, MN

Every ticket, food item, and drink purchased supports the missions of **ATLAS** & **The Fortress**

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# ATLAS

TOGETHER TOUCHING LIVES FOR CHRIST

## CHRIST-CENTERED MENTORING

**YOUR SUPPORT FOR ATLAS MADE MARK AND TIM'S CHRIST-CENTERED MENTORING RELATIONSHIP POSSIBLE.**



ATLAS Director Jason Haug met Tim at a Wednesday evening church service while Tim was staying at The Fortress, a partner ministry of ATLAS. As they got to know each other, Jason talked to

Tim about getting connected with a mentor through ATLAS. Tim agreed, so ATLAS connected him with Mark, one of ATLAS's volunteer mentors. Mark took the ... **(continued on page 3)**



# GOD

**COMFORTS THE DOWNCAST** 2 Corinthians 7:6

**Our vision** at ATLAS is to have a caring Christ-follower available for anyone in need. We walk *with* people through the struggles of life to help them grow in their relationship with Jesus.



# YOU ARE TOUCHING LIVES FOR CHRIST



**YOUR SUPPORT FOR ATLAS PROVIDES CARING MENTORS TO WALK WITH PEOPLE THROUGH THE STRUGGLES IN THEIR LIVES.**

it's still not always easy for her. "We do a lot of different stuff together now," LouAnn said. "We get coffee, go sit by the lake and talk. We go shopping and get groceries together."

The two still meet almost weekly. "I try to encourage her with God's Word and pray with her," Corie said. "I want LouAnn to know the same hope in Jesus that I've come to know through the struggles in my life."

Your regular support for ATLAS helps make sure LouAnn and others in similar situations don't have to struggle alone.

Through your donations, prayers, and time, you are touching lives for Christ right here in the Willmar area.

One life you've touched is LouAnn's.

"She's my angel." LouAnn doesn't hold back in describing her appreciation for Corie Haverly, the ATLAS women's mentor coordinator. **"Corie keeps me going. I don't know if I'd still be here if it wasn't for her."**

Corie first met LouAnn six years ago. "By the time I met her," Corie said, "LouAnn had been through a lot in her life. Abuse. Being abandoned. Trauma. Homelessness. She didn't have much hope and would rarely leave her home."



Over the years, the two developed a close bond. "I knew she had no one supportive in her life," Corie said. "So God just kept tugging at me to keep calling her and keep reaching out to her." When Corie joined the ATLAS staff in 2017, her new position gave her the ability to continue walking with LouAnn through the struggles in her life.

Over the years, LouAnn has become more willing to venture out of her home when she meets with Corie, though

**"WE LOVED YOU SO MUCH THAT WE SHARED WITH YOU NOT ONLY GOD'S GOOD NEWS BUT OUR OWN LIVES, TOO."**

1 Thessalonians 2:8

**(cont. from above)** When Mark and his wife Barb moved to Tennessee this past June, Tim was one of several guys that helped them load up their moving truck and see them off. While Tim admits it was hard to see Mark move away since they had grown so close, he also acknowledged how happy he was for him to be closer to his kids and grandkids and that they would most certainly keep in touch by phone. Mark said of Tim, "I appreciated his friendship. It's a two-way street. We were both blessed by each other."

When asked how meeting with Mark helped him, Tim said, "Mark always prayed for me. He helped me understand the Bible better. He showed me how to love and help people by being there for them." Tim also shared that Mark helped him deal with his anxiety and learn to trust people. **This is the kind of life-on-life ministry you make possible by supporting ATLAS.**

# MENTORING

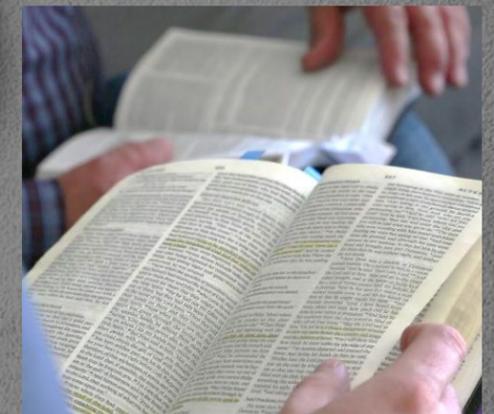
**(cont. from page 1)** ... life-on-life ministry approach of ATLAS seriously. **"Mark always looked for ways to involve me somehow,"** Tim said. Mark and his wife Barb had Tim over to their home frequently. They found ways to have fun together, including watching movies, playing mini-golf, and going to Panda Garden, their restaurant of choice. Each time they met, they had a devotion and prayer time together.

Last year, Tim had to have another surgery to remove a brain tumor that had grown back. Mark was right there with him through it, taking him to doctor appointments and to the surgery itself. **(cont. below)**

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**– TIM, ATLAS MENTEE**

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